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- 1. IN ADDITION TO AMNESTY MENTIONED IN REFTEL FOR CRIMES OF NEGLIGENCE, MOSTLY COMMITTED BY MINORS, STATE COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AND SENT TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DRAFT BILL GRANTING AMNESTY TO ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE ILLEGALLY CROSSED THE BULGARIAN BORDERS PROVIDED THEY VOLUNTARILY RETURN TO BULGARIA PRIOR TO AUGUST 31, 1975.
- 2. THE BILL IS TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. HOOKER IS, OF COURSE, PROVISO FOR RETURN TO BULGARIA. UNLIKELY THAT MANY WHO TOOK RISK OF ILLEGALLY LEAVING BULGARIA FIRST TIME WILL WANT TO RETURN AND FACE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING TO TAKE EVEN GREATER RISK OF TRYING TO LEAVE A SECOND TIME IF THEY FIND THEIR RETURN WAS A MISTAKE. HERZ

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